

REMARKS

Claims 7, 8, 10-14, and 16-18 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

(a) Claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seifert (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0068543) in view of Malik (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0065891). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 7 has been amended to claim:

said controller is further capable of performing an operation of accepting only an address containing the partial address registered in the storing unit from the input unit by inhibiting an input of an address containing no partial address registered in the storing unit. (emphasis added)

Support for this feature is disclosed in page 5, lines 11-17 of the specification.

In the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Seifert does not disclose or suggest “wherein said controller is further capable of accepting only an address containing the partial address registered in the storing unit from input.”

Further, in the *Response to Arguments* section of the Office Action, the Examiner refers to paragraph [0038] of the Malik reference and alleges that in Malik

Upon accepting an address containing a partial address that is not registered in the storing unit from input, transmission does not occur. Instead, a network message alert or prompt is sent to or displayed to the user, which requires further user intervention.

Applicants submit, however, that even assuming that Seifert and Malik can be combined, which Applicants do not admit, Seifert in view of Malik does not disclose or suggest “performing an operation of accepting only an address containing the partial address registered

in the storing unit from the input unit by inhibiting an input of an address containing no partial address registered in the storing unit,” as recited in claim 1.

Similarly, Seifert in view of Malik does not disclose or suggest accepting “only an address containing the partial address registered in the storing unit from the input means by inhibiting an input of an address containing no partial address registered in the storing unit,” as recited in claim 13.

Claims 8 and 10-12, dependent on claim 7, are allowable at least for their dependency on claim 7.

Claims 14 and 16-18, dependent on claim 13, are allowable at least for their dependency on claim 13.

(b) Claims 12 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seifert in view of Malik, and further in view of Nishida (U.S.P. 6,972,858). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 12, dependent on claim 7, is allowable at least for its dependency on claim 7.

Claim 18, dependent on claim 13, is allowable at least for its dependency on claim 13.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Conclusion

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the pending claims in the present application are respectfully requested.

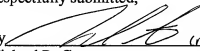
The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final in that it raises no new issues. Alternatively, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final in that it places the application in better form for Appeal.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi Reg. No. 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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